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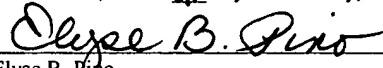
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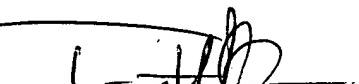
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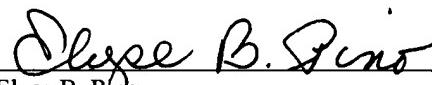
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Second Restriction Requirement, dated January 27, 2003 (Paper No. 12), the Applicants elect Group I, with traverse. The traversal is made on the grounds that it is believed that a single search and examination covering Group I and Group II would not place undue burden on the Examiner. Additionally, Applicants believe that dependent claims 299-304, which depend, at least in part, on independent claim 276, should be included with Group I. Further, Applicants note that claims 310 (Group XXIX), and 311, 312-315, 317 and 319 (Group XXX), which previously had been considered to be in separate groups (as noted) in the First Restriction Requirement of March 1, 2002 (Paper No. 9), were included as part of Group I of the Second Restriction Requirement. Applicants do not concede that these claims do not represent patentably distinct inventions.

Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' representative at the number listed below. If an extension of time is necessitated by the filing of this paper or any future paper filed in this case, such an extension of time through the filing date of this paper is respectfully requested.

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